

**Montana FWP Tract Located in McLean County, North Dakota**  
**Township 150 North, Range 91 West**  
**Section 6: An undivided 8% interest in Lots 4, 5, E2SW4**  
**Gross Acres: 146.22    Net Acres: 11.6976**

**Who is DNRC?**

The Trust Land Management Division of the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) manages state school trust lands, including the leasing and development of school trust mineral rights. Although it is rare, other agencies sometimes find that they own mineral rights. Our Minerals Management Bureau has handled the leasing and management of these lands. We have an MOU with the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP). As a result, an oil and gas company is able to work with a single agency for state oil and gas leases, regardless of the specific agency they belong to. Just like for other state-owned lands, we handle all lease related matters – assignments, communitization agreements, division orders, rental and royalty payments, etc.

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**Why are we in North Dakota?**

The FWP recently received a mineral interest in several tracts of land located in North Dakota. A partial interest in these tracts was deeded to the FWP from the estate of William Kamps. Mr. Kamps lived in Kalispell and was a supporter of the efforts of the Region 1 FWP to promote opportunities and interest in fishing. Mr. Kamps recognized these efforts with his conveyance of a portion of his mineral ownership interests in North Dakota. Any revenues generated are dedicated to the FWP's Region 1 Hooked on Fishing program.

The tracts are located in areas of the Williston Basin where exploration and production from the Bakken and Three Forks formations is occurring. The FWP parcel described above is unleased. We have received a lease application for this parcel, and therefore have included it on DNRC's December 1, 2015 oil and gas lease sale list.

See [State Map](#) and [County Location Map](#) located under Additional Information.

**Oil and Gas Lease Sale Process**

Like North Dakota state lands, our leases are offered by competitive bid. A leasing calendar and related information is provided on our main oil and gas leasing information web page. Leasing is conducted through an oral auction in Helena, Montana. Bidding

is on a per-acre upfront bonus basis. Companies can be represented by an agent, such as a local landman. Companies can be connected with their representative by phone during bidding. We have a landman contact list. These are individuals or companies that have asked to be on the list. The list is provided as a convenience only. We do not represent or have any relationship with these parties. It is not an endorsement or recommendation of any kind.

**See [Landman List](#) located under Additional Information.**

Payment of the first year rental and bonus is required within 10 days following the sale. We mail, email, or fax out statements for amount due the day after the sale.

For more information, please contact Julie Mason, Leasing Section Supervisor, at 406-444-4576. We maintain a mailing list for distribution of lease sale information. See our oil and gas leasing information web page for instructions.

## **Oil and Gas Lease Form**

Since the parcel to be leased is located in North Dakota, the form of oil and gas lease has been adapted for operations in that state. Operators in North Dakota will recognize some of the key terms and conditions, as they are drawn from those used in North Dakota state land leases. Some provisions in a standard Montana state lease do not apply and were deleted. The lease recognizes that FWP's ownership is a small, partial undivided mineral interest in a large spacing unit.

**See [Sample Lease Form](#) located under Additional Information.**

Key provisions are:

- Five-year Primary Term: By statute, the length of our primary term cannot be more than ten, nor less than five years.
- Royalty Rate – 18.75%: Same as North Dakota state land leases in most Bakken/Three Forks areas.
- Royalty Valuation: Same as North Dakota state land leases.
- Tax Status: The State of Montana's royalty interest for lands located in North Dakota are not tax exempt. It is subject to North Dakota gross production and oil extraction taxes.
- The Montana Environmental Policy Act does not apply to lands outside of Montana.
- Operations are under the regulatory authority of the State of North Dakota.

## **Royalty Valuation and Reporting**

Royalties are submitted monthly. Like North Dakota, we have a royalty reporting form that must be filled out and submitted with payment. Our form is available as a hardcopy or spreadsheet.

See [Form 5 Royalty Reporting Form \(pdf and xls\)](#) and [Guide to Completing Form 5](#) located under **Additional Information**.

Gross royalty valuation is the same as for a North Dakota state land lease. An FAQ from the North Dakota Department of Trust Lands is provided below. Montana-specific information is substituted in italics where appropriate.

See [ND Oil and Gas Royalty FAQ](#) located under **Additional Information**.

*North Dakota Department of Trust Lands Contact:  
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## **Lease Assignments**

Our leases are assignable by area, formations, or to multiple lessees. Like North Dakota state land leases, assignments are approved by our Department. We track and make working interest ownership information available for our leases.

See [Assignment Form](#) and [Assignment Instructions](#) located under **Additional Information**.

## **Title Information**

The Department contracted for and provides the following title research and report. This report is not a Title Opinion. The State of Montana does not warrant the accuracy or completeness of this report, or its suitability for any use. (see disclaimer on page 3)

See [Title Research and Report](#) located under **Additional Information**.

## **Technical Information**

This tract is located within the Van Hook field on the west side of Lake Sakakawea, in McLean County. The Van Hook field produces from the Bakken and Three Forks formations. This tract is located near the lake's west shoreline, where development is expanding eastward under the lake. Its west border is immediately adjacent to existing wells.

See [Development Map/Info](#) located under **Additional Information**.

WPX Energy is planning to drill 4 of the 8 wells they have permitted within this spacing unit. We received election letters and AFEs covering the four wells. As an unleased mineral owner, we have elected not to participate in the costs of drilling and completing these wells.

See [Election Letter and AFE](#) located under **Additional Information**.

The North Dakota Industrial Commission, Oil and Gas Division provides technical data, permitting information, maps, spacing units, etc:

<https://www.dmr.nd.gov/oilgas/>